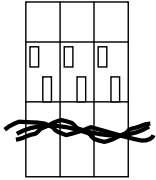
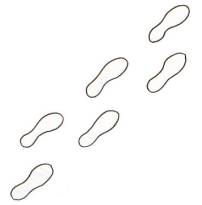
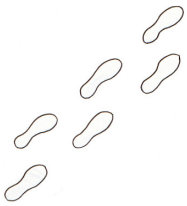


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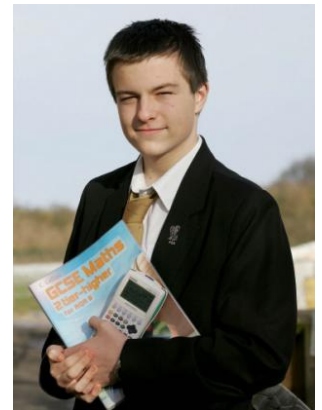
unsung heroes
The Queen's Award for
Voluntary Service 2005

Congratulations to Jamie!

Jamie Urwin, aged 15, has scored 100% in all three papers of his maths GCSE, which he completed early. Jamie attends Framwellgate School, in Durham City and lives in Hedleyhill Terrace, Waterhouses.

Interviewed for the Northern Echo Jamie said: "I was delighted. The best bit was making my family proud."

We in Waterhouses are proud of you Jamie, and wish you all the best in your other exams later this year, and in your planned A-levels of maths, physics and chemistry.



Mystery Plays



Waterhouses, Esh Winning and East Hedleyhope will be performing '**Noah and the Fludd**' written by David Almond at the Mystery Plays 2010 in May.

Following some initial meetings and workshops, rehearsals will begin on the 9th April at 6pm and continue on Friday nights 6pm to 9pm.

There will be some rehearsals on the 22nd and 23rd May and a dress rehearsal on the 26th May.

Performances will be on the 27th, 28th and 29th May.

Please do consider coming along; it is not too late to join in! You could act or do some of the work behind the scenes.

If you would like further information, contact Jane on 0191 373 5256.

Tickets are now available for the productions, ring 0191 332 4041 or visit galadurham.co.uk for tickets

See www.waterhouses.info for all that is going on

HEDLEYHILL TERRACE PLAY AREA RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

A total of 40 responses were received. Of these:

- 19 use the existing play area at Hedleyhill Terrace
- 21 do not use the existing play area at Hedleyhill Terrace
- All 40 support our proposals to develop the play area
- 39 would like to see the play area developed in the way shown by the proposals



A large majority (85%) expressed a preference for the current proposals. The actual numbers were:

34 for the current proposals
4 for option A
2 for option B

The current proposals will therefore be taken forward as the preferred option. A bid for funding has already been made through the Playbuilder programme. This has passed the initial selection stage but must now compete with similar schemes throughout the County.

A big thank you to all those that responded and we will endeavour to keep you informed of any progress on funding.

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OTHER IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR WATERHOUSES.

For many years plans have been in the pipeline for cycle racks outside the Village Hall. It now looks as if these may be provided for the village by Durham County Council, as one of their 'green' initiatives. This is not yet confirmed, but it looks hopeful. Watch this space!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

It is always encouraging to your committee (and to those we invite) when many of you come along to the events that take place. Some recent events that have been well supported include:

The Christmas Fair

The total from the Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December 2009 was £585. 55. We would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to a most successful Christmas Fair. The Christmas Concert, Christmas Dinner (over 60's only) and the children's Christmas party added to the enjoyment of the festive season.

Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band

They provided a lively and entertaining evening of music on January, enjoyed by everyone. If you missed them this time don't be concerned, we plan to invite them again.

See the next page for the planned FUTURE PROGRAMME, and watch out for posters and flyers with more details. Let us know if there is anything you would like us to arrange, new ideas always welcome.

MORE ACADEMIC DISTINCTION IN HEDLEYHILL TERRACE

It's not only Jamie (see front page) who has brought academic distinction to this street but your association's secretary, Jane Sendall, has had her book 'Family Law Handbook 2010' published by Oxford University Press. The book is a tutorial and reference book for postgraduate law students seeking professional qualification. Well done Jane!

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CINEMA CLUB.

Attendances at the Cinema continue to be low despite showing films at the much requested earlier time of 6:30pm to enable kids to attend during school term. Without adequate support the Cinema will not be able to continue and we could lose a facility many communities would be pleased to have on their doorstep. **From the start of March we shall be showing films at 7 o'clock, a suitable time for both adults and kids. The hall (and bar) will be open from 6.30.**

We appreciate and need your comments and requests. Please leave them at the website 'feedback' link (www.waterhouses.info and click on the Cinema link) or write them down and place into the new COMMENTS box provided in the hall entrance.

The Cinema continues to be FREE entry, although we do accept donations in the box provided. Drinks are available throughout the film and Ice creams are available during the interval. Below are films that will be shown in coming weeks. Hope to see you there.

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs	Nowhere Boy	Glorious 39
Sherlock Holmes	Julie and Julia	The Fantastic Mr Fox
A Passage To India (1984)	A Serious Man	Planet 51
St. Trinians 2	Invictus	2012

WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE HALL?

See the insert for a list of regular events at the hall, and who to contact if you want more information or to join a group. A list of planned special activities for 2010 is also on the insert. More details of these will be displayed on posters and flyers nearer the time.

In the immediate future there is a

A **Litter Pick** from 10a.m. at the Black Horse car park on Sunday 28th February

A **Family Film/Fun** evening 6p.m. on Saturday 6th March (The Fantastic Mr Fox)

Coffee and Cakes mornings 9.30 to 11 on Saturday 6th March and Saturday 3rd April

A **Ceilidh** 7.30p.m. on Saturday 27th March.



and

the **Easter Day Duck Race**, at 2p.m. on Sunday 4th April from the bridge below the Black Horse, followed by the Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet competitions at the hall. Get your duck(s) from committee members (and others) £1 each.

PLANNING AND PLANTING!

The Scarecrows return to Waterhouses in September this year, so it is time to start to think about what you will make this year! As part of the **Scarecrow Festival**, we see the return of the 'Who has the tallest sunflower?' competition and we also will have a **Produce Show**. There will be classes for fruit, vegetables and produce (jam, cakes etc). Details will follow, giving you time to plan your entries.

But before then gardeners are invited to bring along any **seedlings, bedding plants or other cuttings** they may have to the **May Coffee and Cakes** (Saturday May), when a swap/sale table will be available. So get sowing!



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THE BEAVERS AND CUB SCOUTS REPORT

Why you should join Beaver or Cub Scouts

If you are bored on a Monday night, you should come and join with all of your friends. If you join you will have fun playing and you can work for different badges like First Aid One.

By Sally, Bethany, Fay, Amy and Rebecca

What we have done in 2009

In Cubs, We go camping and we share tents and we can stay up late! We had two camp holidays this year where we did Archery, Abseiled and made sherbet! The Beavers had a sleepover and it was very fun. We had a pirate theme and made pirate boats, hats, eye patches, parrots and treasure chests.

We also have competitions in sports and The Cubs have football and swimming competitions.

By Emily, James. Jordan, Connor, Kyle, Joseph and Ben.



and something else for youngsters

Messy Church is for children under 11 and their families. We do crafts, hear a story, and have a meal together. Our next Messy Church is on Thursday 4 March, at 3.15pm, in Esh Winning Methodist Church.



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